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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY FOOD STOCKS FOR UPPER VOLTA

ROME FOR SKILES

REF: (A) OUAGA 1057 (B) STATE 096452 (C) STATE 104589

(D) OUAGA 1058

1. WHILE WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A CLOSED MIND ON THE MATTER,
SINCE NO DATA GIVEN IN REF (B), AID/W CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT
CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED STOCK AVAILABILITY IN UPPER VOLTA
IS SUCH THAT WE CAN NOT SEE A CLEAR JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF
USG EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF LOCAL GRAINS AT THIS
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TIME. EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO DATE SUGGESTS THAT 1975 SOUDURE

EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEEDS CAN BE MET IF GOUV EFFECTIVELY MANAGES AND PROPERLY POSITIONS EXISTING IN-COUNTRY STOCKS. WE SEE NO ARGUMENTS ADVANCED IN REF (A) WHICH REFUTE ANALYSIS OF REF (B). WE ARE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO REVIEW ANY MORE ANALYTIC APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM WHICH CDO MAY WISH TO ADVANCE.

2. AID/W NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ON REFERENCE IN REF A, PARA 4, TO OFNACER GRAIN BEING AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION ONLY IF GOUV OR SOME OTHER AGENCY BUYS IT. U.S. DONATED GRAIN

IS CERTAINLY AVAILABLE FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION WHETHER IT IS IN THE HANDS OF OFNACER OR SOUS COMITE. OUR AGREEMENTS WITH GOUV STATE THAT PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO FREE DISTRIBUTION WHERE SUCH A NEED EXISTS. WE ASSUME THAT OTHER DONORS WOULD ALSO PREFER TO HAVE THEIR FOOD GRAINS DISTRIBUTED FREELY RATHER THAN SOLD WHEN THE NEED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION ARISES.

3. DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MINISTER KALMOGO INDICATED HE WAS NOT AWARE U.S. DONATED GRAIN WAS BEING SOLD AT SAME TIME THAT U.S. SUPPORT WAS BEING REQUESTED FOR PURCHASE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED GRAINS. HE PROMISED TO CHECK INTO SITUATION UPON RETURN TO UPPER VOLTA (SEE REF C).

4. AS MENTIONED REF (B), REQUIREMENT DOES SEEM TO EXIST TO SPEED-UP DELIVERIES OF IN-COUNTRY STOCKS FROM PRIMARY STORAGE CENTERS TO THOSE AREAS WHERE GRAIN RESERVES WILL BECOME DEPLETED DURING THE RAINY SEASON. RATHER THAN MAKING TOKEN CONTRIBUTION FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL GRAIN AS RECOMMENDED REF (A), AID/W WOULD PREFER TO ASSIST GOUV WITH ITS EFFORT TO PRE-POSITION STOCKS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY HELD IN PRIMARY STORAGE CENTERS OF COUNTRY.

5. AS INDICATED REF (B), AID/W REQUIRES CDO/OUAGA VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION WHICH COULD BE MADE BY DONOR COMMUNITY TO SPEED-UP GRAIN DELIVERIES OF EXISTING GRAIN STOCKS TO OUTLYING AREAS OF VOLTAN SAHEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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